

**CITY OF CLEWISTON
Regular Commission Meeting
January 27, 2014**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, January 27, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. The audience recited The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Richard Miller, Commissioner James Pittman, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

Personnel Present: City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Library Director Ava Barrett, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Utilities Director Danny Williams, City Attorney Charles Schoech, and City Engineer Tommy Perry.

Visitors Present: Kathy Combass, Terry Gardner, Asa & Betty Godsey, Orvell Howard, Donald Hughes, Paula Pittman, Curtiss Pullen, Sherida Ridgdill, Lorina Scheffler, and Belinda Smith.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – City Manager Perry asked that Agenda Item # 3 be deleted from the agenda. The Commission agreed.

City Manager Perry introduced the following 2013 Employees of the Year:

GENERAL SERVICES, KATHY COMBASS; POLICE DEPARTMENT, JACKIE GARRETT; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DAVID REYNA; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, JASON CRAWFORD; CITY-WIDE, DAVID GERMANY; AND DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR, SEAN SCHEFFLER.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. *City Commission Workshop Minutes – December 12, 2013*
- B. *City Commission Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2013*
- C. *City Commission Special Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2014*

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. Reappointment of Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee Members–** The Committee met on January 7 and recommends the reappointment of Barbara Edmonds and Scott Jones whose terms expired.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, to reappoint Barbara Edmonds and Scott Jones to the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee for a two year term. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 3. Item deleted from agenda.**

- 4. Departmental Monthly Reports** – Presented by information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business. Public Works Director Scheffler reported that the documentation is being processed for closure of the 2013 paving project. A request for final payment has been issued on the 2014 paving project, less the 10% retainage which will be held until the striping is completed. Mr. Scheffler and City Manager Perry will soon be discussing the 2015 paving project. Commissioner Gardner stated that the conditions of W. C. Owen and Francisco are big issues which need to be resolved. City Manager Perry stated that he did not think either of these areas is on the County's paving list for the current year, but Sonora is. Mayor Roland stated that

he would go to the County Commission meeting and let them know our concerns on the deterioration of these streets. City Engineer Tommy Perry suggested that the Commission rank the three streets in question and go to the County with a preferred list for paving.

The consensus of the Commission was that Mayor Roland would attend the next County Commission meeting in Clewiston and present the City's concerns about these streets.

Mayor Roland asked City Engineer Perry for an update on the lift station at the Cuban Market. Mr. Perry stated the City will be advertising the project soon. Mr. Perry stated this project will have to battle water regardless of when it is done, but we hope to have it completed within a few months.

Mayor Roland asked City Engineer Perry if there had been any progress on changing the operation of the Clewiston Locks. Mr. Perry stated the SFWMD has been given a request to change the schedule for operation of the locks and he hopes to meet with them in a couple of weeks. Mayor Roland explained that the hope is that the SFWMD will agree to a 16 foot water level rather than a 15 ½ foot water level for the operation of the locks.

Library Director Barrett reminded everyone of the A to Z data base, interior structure changes, and the Palm Beach Post on-line at the Library. You do need a Library Card to access the on-line features.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER - City Manager Perry informed the Commission that the air conditioning unit on one side of the John Boy Auditorium (JBA) is not working. Mr. Perry will prepare a summary of how much has been spent on repairs at the JBA for the last five years. Mr. Perry stated that he has talked to Ramon Iglesias about the possibility of moving the FLW event scheduled at the JBA to the middle school cafeteria.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY – City Attorney Schoech stated that Kelly Tractor has requested permission to replace their sign at the corner of Esperanza and US27. Their current sign actually sits on City property and he would like to know if the City wants to issue them a license to place a new sign at the current location on City Property. Commissioner Pittman stated Kelly Tractor should be treated the same as other citizens in regards to the insurance on the property and a hold harmless for the City.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve issuing a license agreement to Kelly Tractor for a new sign to be located on City property with the appropriate safeguards to the City incorporated in the agreement. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

City Attorney Schoech stated that we have received the deed for the former Buchanan property and it has been recorded.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION – Commissioner Pittman stated he would like the Commission to consider creating a pamphlet to publicize our Commerce Park. Commissioner Gardner stated she realizes that we currently do not have funding for our CRA, but she would like to look at the CRA plan. Commissioner Gardner stated she would like to have a workshop regarding the CRA and talk about parking and the main street businesses. Commissioner Pittman added that we might be able to have a comp plan discussion at the workshop as well.

Commissioner Richard Miller stated he has recently moved from the City and is no longer eligible to remain as a Commissioner according to the City Charter and is resigning his position effective immediately. Commissioner Miller stated Clewiston will always hold a special place in his heart and he believes each commissioner is dedicated to keeping it a special place for the citizens. The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Miller for his dedicated service and wished him the best for the future.

Mayor Roland stated he has seen tremendous improvement at the Lake area and thanked staff for all of their hard work in the area.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Phillip Roland, Mayor

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk